

City of Joliet Illinois Newsletter

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FALL 2019

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

City of Joliet Yard Waste & Leaf Disposal Guidelines

As fall rolls around, many of us will rake our leaves to keep our yards and community looking good. Unfortunately, leaves left in the streets can become a big problem. Leaves that find their way into our rivers contribute to excessive algae growth which pollutes our rivers, makes them smell and look bad, and keeps us from enjoying the rivers when spring rolls around. Loose leaves also clog our storm drains and can contribute to localized flooding.

Residents are reminded of the yard waste and leaf disposal policy in the City of Joliet. All residents disposing of yard waste and leaves in the City of Joliet should place their yard waste and leaves in rigid containers no greater than 32 gallons in size, to be collected on yard waste collection days by Waste Management, at the same time and location as their refuse and recycling disposal.

Residents must clearly mark designated yard waste containers so they are visible from the street. Free yard waste labels/stickers are available at Joliet City Hall and Jewel Foods locations in Joliet. In addition to approved containers, residents may place their leaves in 30-gallon Kraft paper yard waste bags. Yard waste labels/stickers do not need to be placed on the Kraft paper bags but they do need to be placed on reusable containers.

Residents may also rent or purchase a gray 96-gallon yard waste cart from Waste

Management. Please note: Once the cart has been identified as a yard waste cart it may only be used for landscape-type waste during the yard waste season. These gray yard waste carts can be used for trash during the winter months. Carts may be obtained by calling Waste Management Customer Service at (815) 280-7854.

Yard waste will be collected on your designated collection day through Friday, December 6, 2019. Qualified materials consist of grass and shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of care of lawns, shrubbery, vines, and trees. Residents must bind brush, tree limbs, and branches in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length. These bundles must not exceed 50 pounds, nor, may any single piece of the bundle exceed three inches in diameter. Unbundled brush will not be collected. Residents are encouraged to use fallen leaves as mulch and to protect plants over the winter months or consider individual composting on-site as alternative methods of disposing of leaves.

Do not use plastic garbage bags. Leaves will not be picked up if they are not properly contained. Pumpkins are not part of the yard waste program and should be discarded as trash if throwing away. Together, we can keep our community looking good and our rivers healthy.

All residents are reminded that the depositing of leaves and branches on sidewalks, in parkways, and streets is prohibited by City Ordinance.

The City will not collect leaves that have been placed on sidewalks, in parkways, or on the streets. Any continuing violation of this prohibition could subject the homeowner to a fine of \$150 or more. The City of Joliet specifically prohibits the burning of leaves.

When leaves have been raked into the street, the street sweepers are unable to pick up those leaves as they may be hiding debris (branches, bottles, metal, etc.) and could cause damage to the mechanical equipment. Therefore, the street sweeper will go around leaf piles and the roadway will not be cleared of leaves. The presence of leaves in the street and on the parkway will also close off the drainage openings and create flooding problems, as well as increase the chance of vehicular and pedestrian accidents due to slippery surfaces.

Residents can contract with a local landscaping company to facilitate leaf pick up, raking, and disposal services if they would prefer or if they are unable to handle bagging their own yard waste and leaves. Residents raking their own leaves, who hire an outside company to dispose of them, must rake leaves into piles on their own property. Leaves may not be raked to, or deposited on, a sidewalk, parkway, or onto the street.

The City of Joliet appreciates your continued cooperation with the City's yard waste collection program.

City of Joliet Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours

The designated trick-or-treating hours in the City of Joliet for Thursday, October 31, 2019, will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As you plan for a safe and happy Halloween, please keep in mind these safety tips:

- Houses wanting to be visited by trick-or-treaters should leave porch lights on.
- Parents should accompany all young children while trick-or-treating.
- Trick-or-treaters should only visit houses and apartments of people they know.

- Children should take their treats home for parents to inspect before eating.
- Children should be reminded to walk, not run, between houses and use sidewalks when available.
- Remind children to practice caution when crossing the street and cross only at intersections when traffic is clear.
- Motorists should be careful and alert during and around these hours.
- Parents need to purchase, or make costumes, that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

To avoid a truly scary Halloween - think a house fire - avoid illuminating your carved pumpkins with real flames.

Halloween poses a special risk because people tend to place jack-o-lanterns by their front door or in windows, where they can easily come in contact with flammable materials or get knocked over. For a similar look minus the danger, use battery-operated lights, like LED votives.

Following these safety tips will ensure that we all have a safe and happy Halloween.

Garbage/Yard Waste Information

NO GARBAGE PICKUP

- Thursday, November 28, 2019 - There will be no garbage pickup for Thanksgiving. Thursday and Friday pickup will each be one day late.
- Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - There will be no garbage pickup for Christmas. Garbage pickup will be one day late for those whose normal pickup day is Wednesday through Friday of that week.

Garbage pickup on Columbus Day and Veterans Day will take place as usual.

LAST DAY FOR YARD WASTE PICKUP

- Friday, December 6, 2019 - Yard waste will be picked up the week of December 2-6 on the regularly assigned garbage pickup days. The last day for pickup being Friday, December 6.
- Monday, March 9, 2020 - Yard waste will resume on your assigned garbage collection day.

For those who will have a real Christmas tree, set it out after Christmas at your normal pick-up location (curb or alley) on your regular trash day for pick up. If it is 5 feet in length or less, set it out in one piece, but, if it measures more than 5 feet cut it in half. The Christmas trees will be collected until Friday, January 31, 2020.

Please place your garbage and recycling totes and yard waste cans approximately 2 feet behind the curb in the driveway or parkway. Street sweepers and plow operators cannot leave the vehicle to move objects left in the road. Additionally, this can block emergency vehicles and creates a hazard in the roadway.

Snowfall Guidelines

Should the City of Joliet experience a significant snowfall this fall, please refer to the snow guidelines posted on the City's website at joliet.gov/residents/snow-removal.

Please remember that you cannot deposit any ice or snow from any parking lot, commercial service area, or driveway upon the land of another person or entity without the consent of the owner or occupant or a sidewalk or parkway adjacent to the land of another person or entity without the consent of the owner or occupant. City ordinance prohibits the depositing of snow into the street.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Fall!

*Message from Bob O'Dekirk,
Mayor of Joliet*

Dear Neighbor,

As the summer months come to an end, I would like to reflect on the many great events which occurred here in Joliet. Our downtown hosted a number of events including the New Orleans North, Nitro Night, Star Wars Days, Race Fan Rally, Fiesta En La Calle, Kidzfest, Blues & Brews, PAWS on 66 Pet Rescue Day, Including You Family Festival, In the Making Fest, and weekly Farmer's Market events.



BOB O'DEKIRK
Mayor of Joliet

The Fireworks on July 3 at Bicentennial Park were another huge attraction, as well as the first ever Joliet Pride Fest held in Bicentennial Park. I would also like to thank and congratulate the Joliet Park District for hosting another fantastic Taste of Joliet. Like Star Wars Day and New Orleans North, the Taste of Joliet continues to grow year after year with record crowds coming into our city.

All summer long the city had work crews regularly doing street, sidewalk, and water and sewer repairs. On top of that, our employees worked every single weekend to speed up the process of cutting down trees suffering from the Emerald Ash Borer disease. Thank you to all the men and women who worked hard all summer to help improve our community.

I would like to welcome our new District 204 School Superintendent Mike Hanson to Joliet and wish him a great year. I want to wish all the students in our community a happy and healthy school year, and thank all our teachers and administrators for the work they do in Joliet schools.

I'd like to wish a happy Veterans Day to all the men and women in Joliet who have served or are serving in the armed forces, and thank them, and their families, for their sacrifice. Please keep all our young men and women currently serving in your prayers during this holiday season.

I'm looking forward to the annual Holiday parade downtown on Friday, November 29, 2019 and hope to see you there. On behalf of myself and my wife Rebecca, along with our 3 children, wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Small Business Saturday Is November 30

Think about this: you could live your whole life and get everything you ever needed without ever having to leave Joliet city limits. That's right. It's possible to work, live, purchase clothing, food, automobiles, furniture, electronics, phones, etc., all within Joliet.

Sales taxes from your purchases help fund everyday City services, like police, fire and public works. So what's bought in Joliet, really does stay in Joliet. Remember to Think Joliet when you shop.



El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español

Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita nuestra pagina joliet.gov/residents/city-newsletters

COMMUNITY

RETHINK WATER: Selection of a New Water Source

Did you know the City is looking for a new source of water? The City's existing water source, the Ironton-Galesville aquifer, is not sustainable and will not be able to meet maximum day water demands by 2030. City staff and the Environmental Commission have been working on a two-phase study to find a new source of water since August 2018.

14 different alternatives were considered in Phase I and those alternatives have been narrowed to five options for further study during Phase II. These include Lake Michigan - DuPage Water Commission, Lake Michigan - City of Chicago Department of Water Management, Lake Michigan - new Indiana intake, Illinois River and Kankakee River.

During Phase II the alternatives were studied in more detail and evaluated based upon a variety of factors including cost, governance/control, risk, and sustainability to name a few. The Phase II study results will be presented to the Environmental Commission and City Council in November at a joint meeting and it is anticipated an alternative water source will be selected by the City Council in December.



Following selection of the water source, Joliet will move forward with design and construction of the new system such that a new water source is online by 2030.

To learn more, please visit the website that was developed specifically for this project: RethinkWaterJoliet.org. The public is also encouraged to attend the Environmental Commission meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the council chambers at Joliet City Hall, 150 W. Jefferson St. in downtown Joliet. There is free parking available.

Public Utilities: Preparation tips for cold weather

- Regularly clean your gutters and downspouts. Make sure all drainage areas are unblocked by leaves and debris. Check sump pump discharge area to be sure it will not create icing issues on the sidewalk or road.
- To prevent exterior water pipes from bursting when the weather gets below freezing, turn off the valves to the exterior hose bibs. Run the water until the pipes are empty. Make sure all the water is drained from the pipes, if not, the water can freeze and damage the pipes. Remove exterior water hoses and drain as well.
- Wrap any water pipes that run along exterior walls or that are in an unheated crawl space or basement with heat trace wire. It will save energy and prevent them from freezing.
- Keep the area around the water meter warm to prevent frozen pipes, frozen meter, or broken pipes.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Utilities Department at (815) 724-4220.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What time does City Hall open/close?

A: City Hall is located at 150 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432 and is open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Days of operation may change due to observed holidays.

Q: How can I communicate with City Hall?

A: City Hall's general information line is (815) 724-4000. We have a knowledgeable and friendly staff to help answer your questions and direct your calls. We also have a general email address, infodesk@joliet.gov to help address your general questions and concerns Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Q: Who can I contact about building permits or home improvement projects?

A: Call our Inspections Department at (815) 724-4070.

Q: How do I report a pothole?

A: Call the Roadways Division at (815) 724-3650.

Q: My recycling, garbage, or yard waste was not picked up or my toter was damaged. Who do I call?

A: Call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 for servicing issues or if toters are damaged from normal wear and tear,

Waste Management can fix them free of charge.

Q: How do I report a water main break?

A: If you see a water main break, damaged fire hydrant or any other problem with the City of Joliet water system, please contact the Department of Public Utilities at (815) 724-4220. This line is answered 24 hours a day. If an operator is not available, please leave a detailed phone message.

**Note - Residents will not be given prior notice of repair work (causing temporary short term water outage) because of the urgency of the repair and the number of homes affected by the break.*

Q: What do I do if my streetlight is out?

A: Call the Public Works Department at (815) 724-4200 to report the location and to determine if the pole is maintained by the City of Joliet or ComEd. To report an electrical outage for ComEd call (800) 334-7661 or go to ComEd.com

Q: Does the City have free electronic recycling and household hazardous waste pickup?

A: Yes, residents who pay for municipal waste on their water and sewer bills, call (800) 449-7587 for free disposal of these items. Will County also offers these services at willcountygreen.com.

Veterans Day 2019

Before we settle in for the holidays, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the active duty personnel and military veterans in our community. Your selfless service and sacrifice has provided the United States of America with an environment of freedom and prosperity that has become the envy of the entire world. This Veterans Day, please take the time to remember and reflect on those who served and those who are still serving as well as their families.

This year the Will County Veteran's Assistance Commission and the City of Joliet will co-sponsor a Veterans Day ceremony held on Monday, November 11, 2019. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the Rialto Square Theatre, located at 102 N. Chicago St., and include a performance by the Championship American Legion band. Guests will then be invited to process through downtown Joliet to the Joliet Area Historical Museum, 204 N. Ottawa St., for refreshments and viewing of the veterans and military exhibits. Community Television JCTV Channel 6 will cover the event.

Joliet Junior College (JJC) will also be holding a Veterans Day Ceremony. It will be at noon on Friday, November 8, 2019. The Joliet Junior College is located at 1215 Houbolt Rd, Joliet. The Ceremony will take place on the Veteran's Memorial Bridge (Building H on the Main Campus). Parking is available on the north side of campus in parking lot N2 or on the south side of campus in parking lot S6 or S7. Signs will provide direction to the Bridge.

At JJC, the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad will participate again this year. There will be a brief ceremony and refreshments will be served. Additionally, members of the JJC Chorale and Ensembles will also perform.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these events that honor all our military veterans and active duty personnel.

The City of Joliet parking garages and meters are free of charge on Veterans Day (November 11, 2019) and City Hall will be closed in observance. Waste Management will have regular pickup on Veteran's day.

Upcoming Holidays

Please note that City Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Columbus Day - October 14
- Veterans Day - November 11
- Thanksgiving Day - November 28
- Friday after Thanksgiving - November 29
- Christmas Day - December 25
- New Year's Day - January 1

Parking is also free in downtown Joliet on all of these dates.

COMMUNITY

School Crossing Guards

Are you looking for an opportunity to help your community and earn a few dollars as well? Perhaps you're retired and looking for a little spending money and a little time out of the house. If one of these applies, perhaps you might want to consider being a school crossing guard. The City of Joliet is accepting applications for part-time school Crossing Guards. Guards are responsible for ensuring the students in our community cross difficult intersections safely. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license, good driving record, and reliable means of transportation. Successful candidates must be able to work with school children, and have no criminal history. Salary is \$32 to \$44 per day/no benefits. For more information and other questions, please visit the City's website at joliet.gov.

Also, please check out the City's website for other job opportunities available throughout the year. Changes are made daily. Please check the Human Resources page at joliet.gov/departments/human-resources/current-job-opportunities.

Take an active presence in change and community decisions

Caring neighbors stay informed on community issues and make it a point to vote. It's likely that you and your neighbors have busy lives and schedules, but if the community comes together as a group, change can happen more efficiently, and issues can be resolved more quickly. Plus, just showing up at community meetings and offering input shows that they care about the community and the people who share it.

It doesn't matter if we own or rent, we all benefit from the beauty, cohesiveness, and friendliness of our neighborhoods. A large part of the cohesiveness is becoming part of your neighborhood community associations.

In addition to the camaraderie of knowing your neighbors in your community, many things get accomplished by neighbors getting together and recognizing the problems, forming a plan of action, and working to solve them. Some of our more active community groups are the Eastside Neighborhood Council, The St Pat's Neighborhood Organization, Parkwood Neighborhood Council, St Johns Neighborhood Organization, The Cathedral Areas Preservation Association, The Cunningham Neighborhood Organization, Forest Park Neighborhood and the Reedwood Neighborhood. We urge you to become an active presence and join in your neighborhood voice.

If you would like more information on these or on starting your own neighborhood association, please contact Neighborhood Services at (815) 724-4090.

For a list of Neighborhood Associations and Homeowners Associations, you can find them on the City's website at joliet.gov/residents/home-owners-associations.

U.S. CENSUS 2020

The City of Joliet is a committed partner in the upcoming 2020 Census. Join the 2020 Census team—the U.S. Census Bureau is now taking applications for temporary positions. Census jobs provide great and weekly pay, flexible hours and even your training period is paid. You can get paid to help collect information that determines how funds are spent on things like roads, schools and hospitals. Apply online today at 2020census.gov/jobs



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Upcoming Events at Chicagoland Speedway

October 19 » 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT THE TRACK and 5K RACE/1-MILE STROLL

Chicagoland Speedway (500 Speedway Blvd)
Gates open at 8 a.m., the 5K and 1-mile stroll will begin at 9 a.m., Trunk-or-Treat begins at 10 a.m.

Two family-friendly fundraisers combine to benefit Chicagoland Speedway's charitable entity, Racing Advocates for Community Enrichment (R.A.C.E.) -- A 5K Run or 1-mile stroll and trunk-or-treating for kids.

5K RUN/1-MILE STROLL INFORMATION

5K run

Adult - \$40/ Students with school ID - \$30/

Children ages 5-12 - \$20

One-mile Stroll

Adult - \$25/ 12 and under - Free

Prices increase day-of race an additional \$5.

Registration fees include an event t-shirt, timing and scoring bib and entrance to the Trunk-or-Treat post-race celebration.

All spectators (non-runners or walkers) 13 and older must purchase entry into Trunk-or-Treat for \$10/person at the gate (12 and under are free).

TRUNK-OR-TREAT INFORMATION

Families and race fans are once again invited to load up their trunks with candy and put their little ones in full costume before heading to the third annual Trunk-or-Treat fundraising event at Chicagoland Speedway on October 19.

For just a \$10 donation per person, children can navigate from car to car through Chicagoland Speedway's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Garages to collect candy as they would door-to-door on Halloween just 12 days later. Remember, kids 12 and under are free to participate in the Trunk-or-Treat and entrance to Trunk-or-Treat is included with 5K run/1-mile stroll fees. The \$10 donation per person is only for participants 13 and over who are not racing. The proceeds will benefit Chicagoland Speedway's charitable entity, Racing Advocates for Community Enrichment (R.A.C.E.).



Don't forget that kids are not the only ones who can partake in the action; adults are also urged to dress in full garb as Chicagoland Speedway will host a costume contest for adults 18 years of age and older as well as one for children 17 years old and younger. Be sure to swing by the Fall Family Photo Opportunity to capture the perfect portrait while attending too.

In addition to the costume contest, fans can join the car decorating competition. Attempt to turn your family vehicle into a hearse of haunts or carriage of creatures. The most creative car decoration will be awarded with tickets to the 2020 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race.

This year, Santa's Celebration will merge with Trunk-or-Treat to offer the above 5k race and one-mile stroll before trick-or-treating commences. All registration from the 2018 Santa Celebration will be honored on this date, and registration will open again to allow fans newly interested to participate.

SAFETY



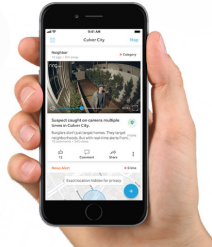
Joliet Police Department has joined Neighbors by Ring!



Neighbors by Ring

Neighbors by Ring is the new Neighborhood Watch that sends real-time crime and safety notifications directly to your phone.

Join the **Joliet Police Department** on the Neighbors App by visiting download.ring.com/joliet or text [jolietpd](https://text.jolietpd.com) to 555888 to download the **FREE** app today!



Joliet Police Department Joins Neighbors by Ring

We're excited to announce that the Joliet Police Department has joined Neighbors by Ring! The 'Neighbors' app is a digital neighborhood watch right on your phone where you can get real-time crime and safety alerts from your neighbors and law enforcement.

Joliet Police will be using 'Neighbors' to monitor crime in your area and send you

updates on key crime incidents so you can all stay informed. By working together, we can all make Joliet a safer community.

Text 'jolietpd' to 555888 or visiting download.ring.com/joliet from your smartphone to download the app for free on iOS/Android and see what's happening in your neighborhood.

Forestry and Tree Advisory Board Accomplishments for 2019

The City of Joliet has been awarded two grants to improve the urban forest and landscape in our community.

First, an Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the U.S. Forest Service for \$15,000 is being used to replace ash trees along city streets. Additionally, a CN railway EcoConnexions Grant for \$25,000 has been awarded for a City of Joliet Entryway Beautification Project. This is part of CN's "From the Ground Up" program which supports greening projects to improve the quality of life in communities neighboring CN rail lines.

Joliet was also designated a Tree City USA for the 28th consecutive year and held an Arbor Day Celebration at Grand Prairie Elementary School in April. The Forestry Division and Tree Advisory Board are in the process of updating Joliet's Urban Forestry Management Plan and reviewing ordinance changes which will allow additional grant opportunities

Planting Trees in Fall

Fall is an ideal time to plant trees, shrubs, perennials and spring flowering bulbs. In October is ideal. This allows roots to get a start before the ground freezes.

Good plant health depends on the health of the roots of a plant. In the fall, warm soil encourages

root growth. In early spring, roots begin growing and develop before the tops of plants begin to put energy into producing leaves, flowers, and new stems. This gives fall plantings an advantage. Roots are well established before summer heat and drought arrives.

Fall Leaf Color

The timing of color change is largely controlled by day length, but sunlight, temperature, moisture, and stress are also factors. After a dry summer, leaves are likely to change color and drop sooner.

Tree color is best when there are sunny days and cool nights. If it's hot in September, color change may be early and colors will be muted. If it is cool and rainy, fall color changes may be delayed.

Enrich Soil with Leaf Mulch

Instead of raking and bagging all of your leaves, consider using them as mulch in flower beds, compost piles, and your lawn. Soil is continually enriched by decomposing leaves. This process is nature's way of adding nutrients for use by plants in your yard and garden. Use leaves as mulch in flower beds and around trees and shrubs.

Check The Morton Arboretum website: mortonarb.org for more information about which trees are best planted in fall and for additional information about the subjects in this article.

NEWS BRIEFS

Change Your Clocks Back & Smoke Alarm Batteries

The Joliet Fire Department reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke, carbon monoxide and any other type of detection device in your home when you turn your clock back on Sunday, November 3, 2019.



A reminder that in Joliet, residential properties are required to have a smoke detector in each bedroom as well as a smoke detector on each level, including a basement. A smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector is also required to be located outside the sleeping areas, but within 15 feet of these rooms.

Fire Safety Checklist begins at home Test Your Smoke Alarm

- Test the smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries twice a year. (It is recommended that when you change your clocks in the Fall and Spring to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide and all detectors.)
- Plan Your Escape - Create and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- Keep Matches and Lighters in a Safe Area - Always keep matches and lighters stored high in a locked cabinet or a locked box. Kids imitate adults, set a safe example.
- Cook Safely - Never leave cooking unattended and keep the cooking area clutter free.
- Give Space Heaters Space - Keep anything that can burn three feet away from portable heaters.
- Extinguish Smoking Materials - Before emptying the contents of an ashtray into the trash, wet the contents.
- Electrical Safety - Replace damaged electrical cords and repair or replace appliances that smell, smoke, or overheat.
- Wired smoke alarms are acceptable as long as they have a back-up battery supply within each unit.

Fire Chief Reminds Residents to Keep the Wreath Red During Holidays

Fire Chief Joe Formhals reminds residents of the following:

Keep the Wreath Red:

- All Joliet Fire Stations will have a wreath with red lights affixed to them for the month of December
- The wreath is a reminder to residents about holiday-related fires
- The program is held nationwide
- The wreath bulbs are changed if a holiday-related fire occurs in your City. Examples are Christmas tree fires, holiday wrapping paper in the fireplace, and electrical circuits overloaded with holiday lights. If one of these type of fires occurs, one red bulb is replaced with a white bulb - hence the phrase - "Help Keep the Wreath Red"



Get outside this fall with the Forest Preserve District of Will County

Step outside this fall to explore all that the Forest Preserve District of Will County has to offer within the City of Joliet and beyond.

The Forest Preserve District provides year-round programming at sites located throughout the county. A full calendar of events and a list of recreational opportunities can be found at ReconnectWithNature.org. Some of the upcoming programs being offered this fall in the Joliet area include:

September 1 to November 30

WOODS WALK

Walk 10 of Will County's top-rated trails - including Joliet's Spring Creek Greenway Trail at Hadley Valley - during their fall splendor. Trail lengths range from 1.5 to 4 miles. Each trail offers its own unique



Forest Preserve District
OF WILL COUNTY

experience. Log your walks as you go on the District's website - ReconnectWithNature.org - and in the Woods Walk Travel Log booklet. Complete 7 of the 10 selected trails and receive a 2019 "Woods Walk" hiking medallion. (815) 727-8700.

October 4 » 4:30 - 6 p.m.

JOLIET IRON WORKS TOUR

Joliet Iron Works Historic Site, Columbia Street, east of Route 53/Scott Street, Joliet

Learn how Joliet earned the nickname "City of Stone and Steel." A naturalist will share the stories of the men and machines that worked at this site, along with many other fascinating facts during this 1-mile tour. Register by October 2; (815) 886-1467.

October 19 » 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

HIKIN' WITH YOUR HOUND

Hammel Woods - Route 59 Access, Route 59, north of Route 52/Jefferson Street, Shorewood
Enjoy an autumn walk with an interpretive naturalist and your pup! Meet new friends and other dog owners as we take a 1-2 mile hike to explore the changing colors and landscape. All dogs must be on a leash no longer than 10 feet when outside of the dog park. Meet at the Shorewood Shelter. Register by October 17; (815) 722-9470.

November 2 » 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BISON CRAWL

Sugar Creek Administration Center, 17540 W. Laraway Road, Joliet
Celebrate National Bison Day with the Forest Preserve District and Ruhter Bison Farm and learn more about our national mammal. You can also take a prairie ecology hike and participate in a bison chip throwing contest.

November 23 » 8 - 10 a.m.

WALK THE RUN BIRD HIKE

Rock Run Preserve - Black Road Access, Black Road, west of Essington Road, Joliet
Ages 18 or older
Learn from an interpretive naturalist and other like-minded birders as you take a 1-2 mile hike along the Rock Run waterway. The program will begin with a presentation about a particular bird or bird topic. Meet at the Black Road Access Shelter. Register by November 21; (815) 722-9470.

November 23 » 1 - 2:30 p.m.

FAMILY FALL HIKE

Rock Run Preserve - Black Road Access, Black Road, west of Essington Road, Joliet
Learn from an interpretive naturalist as you take a 1-2 mile hike, stopping along the way for different activities. Meet at the Black Road Access Shelter. Register by November 21; (815) 722-9470.

Those are just a few of the ways you can enjoy the great outdoors this fall and all year long at Forest Preserve sites. For more information on these activities and preserves, or to register for a program or get a dog park permit, visit ReconnectWithNature.org or call (815) 727-8700.

Joliet Park District Fall and Holiday Events

The Joliet Park District offers activities for the whole family, with over 50 community parks, an ice rink, 3 golf courses, the Inwood Athletic Club, Pilcher Park Nature Center, and Bird Haven Greenhouse.

Please visit jolietpark.org or call (815) 741-7275 for more information about the below events and for a complete listing of all events. Call (815) 741-7278 for Bird Haven Greenhouse events. Advance registration is required for most events. Just a few of the many activities include the following:

October 12 » 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 13+)

HALLOWEEN DOOR GREETER

\$20 Resident/\$21 Non Resident
Bird Haven Greenhouse
(225 N. Gougar Road)
Create a one-of-a-door décor to greet your trick-or-treaters. Registration is required.



All materials included.

October 26 » 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. (All Ages)

SPOOKY CAMPFIRE NIGHT

\$6
Pilcher Park Nature Center
(2501 Highland Park Dr)
Spend a spooky, but family-friendly night beneath the stars and towering trees of Pilcher Park. In case of inclement weather, alternate activities will take place inside. Registration is required.

November 2 » 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

HOLIDAY AND VINTAGE MARKET

Bird Haven Greenhouse
(225 N. Gougar Road)

October 20 » 7:15 a.m.

RED EYE 5K

Joliet Memorial Stadium
(3000 W. Jefferson St.)

Beginning and ending at Joliet Memorial Stadium, the Red Eye 5K is a cross-country style run through Inwood Golf Course. Runners receive a custom hoodie & finish medal and the post-race party will feature Bloody Marys from On The Rocks. More info at jpdun3.com.

November 23 - January 15 »

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

POINSETTIA SHOW

Free
Bird Haven Greenhouse
(225 N. Gougar Road)
Come and see the beautiful array of the many varieties of Poinsettias. Poinsettia Sale on December 7 and 8.
For questions, please call (815) 741-7278.

December 7, 14 & 21 » 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

SANTA IN THE GREENHOUSE

Free
Bird Haven Greenhouse
(225 N. Gougar Road)

December 2 - December 7

LANCASTER SHOW TRIP TO DUTCH COUNTRY

\$640 Resident/\$665 Non-Resident
Motor coach Transportation, 5 nights lodging, admission to the Miracle of

Christmas show at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre. Admission to the Joy to the World show at the American Music Theatre. Guided tour to Philadelphia. Visit to Kitchen Kettle Village and to the Park City Center. Admission to the Amish Experience & Jacob's Choice at the F/X Theatre. Guided tour of Lancaster. Single supplement is an additional \$189. \$75 deposit required per person to reserve spot. Trip cancellation insurance is available at an additional cost. Final payment is due 10/1/2019 or must be paid in full if registering after this date.

December 13 - 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

DINNER WITH SANTA

Bird Haven Greenhouse
(225 N. Gougar Road)
Reservations required. For questions, please call (815) 741-7278.

December 14 - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Bird Haven Greenhouse
(225 N. Gougar Road)
Reservations required. For questions, please call (815) 741-7278.

LIBRARY / MUSEUM EVENTS

JOLIET
joliet.gov

Library Events

All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

Black Road Branch: 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

October 5 » 9:30 - 11 a.m.

FOREST THERAPY WALKABOUT IN HAMMEL WOODS

Black Road Branch

Adults, registration now open

Experience nature with all five senses as we walk slowly through Hammel Woods with Jeanne Iovinelli, a certified forest therapy guide.

October 17 » 4 - 5 p.m.

SPECIAL EFFECTS MAKE - UP

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades 7-12, registration now open

Come learn to make special effects make - up and fake wounds.

October 24 » 6 - 7 p.m.

HALLOWEEN ESCAPE ROOM

Black Road Branch

Grades 7-12, registration now open

Use your puzzle solving skills and work together with other teens to escape the room in time.

October 27 » 2 - 3:30 p.m.

MONSTER MASH WITH DJ DRELAURIN

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages with adult, no registration

Come in costume for music, dancing, games and fun.

October 29 » 6:30 - 8 p.m.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Black Road Branch

All ages with adult, no registration

Bring the whole family for a Halloween extravaganza.

November 2 » 1 - 4 p.m.

DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages with adult, no registration

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos, the Mexican holiday that honors deceased loved ones.

November 5 » 6 - 7 p.m.

CAN YOU AFFORD TO RETIRE

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults, registration now open

Join presenter, Greg Kurinec, CFP, MRFC of Bentrion Financial Group to help evaluate your readiness for retirement with several self - evaluation exercises.

November 10 » 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON OF ENCHANTMENT: NUTCRACKER BALLERINA

Ottawa Street Branch

Children of all ages with adult,

registration opens November 1

Kick off the season with a holiday dance class and performance with a Von Heidecke ballet dancer.

November 12 » 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

LIZARD LOVERS

Black Road Branch

All ages, no registration

Meet over 10 live lizards including Leon the enormous green chameleon.

November 29 » 2 - 3 p.m.

SEASON'S GREETINGS MAGIC SHOW

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages with adult, no registration

This winter wonderland magic show features a magic elf, Rudolph the Red - Nosed Reindeer, and holiday tricks to captivate all ages.

November 29 » 3 - 5 p.m.

REINDEER MEET AND GREET

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages with adult, no registration

Stop by the Library for a special meet and greet with two of Santa's reindeer.

Joliet Area Historical Museum

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432. Free parking is the Museum parking lot at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. For more information including museum hours and admission prices, please visit jolietmuseum.org or call (815) 723-5201. Joliet Residents receive \$1 off of all general admission levels.

October 27 » 12 - 5 p.m.

HAUNTED MUSEUM FAMILY FREE DAY

Free Admission

Come dressed in your Halloween

Costumes for a Spooky family fun day. Crafts, Activities, Storytime and much more!

November 21 » 5:30 - 9 p.m.

FALL CRAFT & IMPORT BEER TASTING

Museum Lower Level Auditorium

\$20 Members, \$23 Non-members

A classic event returns: Sample over 40 Craft Beers & Ciders from 12 Brewers. Learn about Joliet's storied brewery history with a special lecture and exhibit by renowned Joliet Brewery Historian and Collector John E. Bitterman.

November 29 - January 1 » 12 - 5 p.m.

HOLIDAY TREE TRADITIONS

Help the Museum "deck the halls," and receive visibility for your business or organization. Included with general admission, all Museum visitors will be given a ticket to vote for their favorite tree.

November 29 » 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS

Free admission

Join the Museum and the rest of the downtown area as we celebrate the start of the holiday season.

December 6 » 7 p.m.

CLASSICAL BLAST PRESENTS: DARK SIDE OF THE YULE

\$12 Members, \$14 for Non-Members

Museum Lower Level Auditorium

Back for its fourth year, Classical Blast plays mashes and medleys of your favorite Rock & Holiday tunes with a Classical twist!

OLD JOLIET PRISON - TOUR INFORMATION

The Joliet Area Historical Museum conducts tours every day at the Old Joliet Prison from now until October 31. Please see tour information below. The Museum does recommend that all tickets for all tour types are pre-booked to guarantee a spot on a tour. The prison is located at 1125 Collins Street in Joliet. Visit Jolietmuseum.org to purchase tickets for all Old Joliet Prison Tours or call the museum at (815) 723-5201 ext. 7211.

Now - October 31 (tours run Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays)

OLD JOLIET PRISON TOURS

\$15 Museum Members & Joliet Residents, \$20 General Public

A 90-minute walking tour through the inner walls of the Old Joliet Prison. Experience the historic property by passing through the East Sally Port Gate, that the Blues Brothers traveled through and travel back in time to experience the 150-year history held within those

limestone walls. Tickets need to be pre-booked for guaranteed entrance to the tours.

Now - October 31

(tours run every night)

HAUNTED HISTORY TOUR

Tickets \$30. A 1.5-hour walking tour of the Old Joliet Prison covering the darker side of the Historical Prison. This historical tour will cover some of the more grim stories as you walk through the prison at dusk. Recommended for ages 16 and older.

October 25 & 26 » 6 - 11 p.m.

A NIGHT BEHIND BARS

Tickets \$50. Spend a spirited evening in the walls of the Old Joliet Prison. There will be reenactors telling some of the chilling stories around the site as well as a cash bar. Proceeds to go to the Joliet Museum's efforts at the Old Joliet Prison. Tours start every 15 minutes. Reservations highly recommended.

LAST CHICAGO ST. MARKET OF THE YEAR

October 9 » 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CHICAGO ST MARKET & CONCERT

Chicago Street between Jefferson and Van Buren Streets

Enjoy free concert, local craft beer from Chicago Street Pub, and vendors including farmers, artists, bakers, and more.



Upcoming Shows at Rialto Square Theatre

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. Opening in 1926, it was originally designed and operated as a vaudeville movie palace, but it now houses musicals, plays, concerts, standup comedy, educational programs and more. The Rialto box office hours are 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and you can call them at (815) 726-6600 if you need more information. For tickets, please go to rialtosquare.com.

October 3, 2019 » 7:30 p.m.
MASTERCHEF JUNIOR LIVE!

October 5, 2019 » 8 p.m.
HOME FREE: DIVE BAR SAINTS WORLD TOUR

October 6, 2019 » 7 p.m.
WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?

October 7, 2019 » 7:30 p.m.
A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN

October 10, 2019 » 7:30 p.m.
RENT 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

October 11, 2019 » 6 p.m.
PEPPA PIG'S ADVENTURE

October 13, 2019 » 7 PM.
LYLE LOVETT & HIS ACOUSTIC GROUP

October 14 » 7:30 pm
ABRACADABRA: LIVE ON TOUR

November 1 » 7:30 pm
STARS OF THE SIXTIES

November 3, 2019 » 7 p.m.
NEWSBOYS UNITED

November 10, 2019 » 7 p.m.
CAT & NAT: #MOMTRUTHS LIVE

December 7, 2019 » 5 p.m. & 8 p.m.
LARRY THE CABLE GUY

2019 Home for the Holidays

November 25, 2019 » 5:30 p.m.
A VERY RIALTO CHRISTMAS: MAKING MERRY MUSIC!

November 27, 2019 » 5 p.m.
HOSPICE LIGHTS OF LOVE

November 29, 2019 »
9:30 a.m. & 12 p.m.
TEDDY BEAR TEA

December 1, 2019 » 1 & 5 p.m.
VON HEIDECHE'S CHICAGO FESTIVAL BALLET'S THE NUTCRACKER

December 3, 2019 » 11 a.m.
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & ORGAN CONCERT

December 4, 2019 » 7:30 p.m.
CEELO GREEN: HOLIDAY HITS TOUR

December 8, 2019 » 2 p.m.
JOLIET AMERICAN LEGION BAND CONCERT

December 9, 2019 » 7:30 p.m.
MICHEL LONDRA'S CELTIC YULETIDE CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND

December 11, 2019 » 7 p.m.
RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER: THE MUSICAL

December 14, 2019 » 7 p.m.
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

December 20, 2019 » 8 p.m.
MARTINA MCBRIDE: THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS 2019

December 22, 2019 » 7:30 p.m.
THE OAK RIDGE BOYS: DOWN HOME CHRISTMAS

2019 Holiday Movies
All tickets \$5.00

November 30, 2019 2 p.m.
THE POLAR EXPRESS

December 14, 2019 » 11 a.m.
MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET (1947)

December 23, 2019 » 2 p.m.
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Fall Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

Fall into fun! Check out the events for kids and those young at heart. Parking is free. Located at 201 West Jefferson Street, Joliet. For more information call (815) 724-3761 or find us online at bicentennialpark.org. Volunteer opportunities available.

October 4 » 10 a.m.
October 5 » 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.
2ND APPLE JAM
\$5 admission

A lively show for children pre-K to 2nd grade, celebrates team work and diversity. Get ready to get up and dance because these apples like to jam, and outsmart the owl who want to turn them into jam. Enjoy this original play by Kimberly D. Garrett. Concessions available.

October 5 » 6:30 p.m.
AUDITIONS FOR PLAYWRIGHT FESTIVAL 2020

Free admission
Seeking high school and adults for actor pool. Be prepared for cold readings. Actors will work with authors submitting original short plays to the Playwrights Festival on January 18, 2020.

October 11 » 7 p.m.
IMPROV UNCORKED FEATURING "WE'VE SAID WORSE"

Free admission
Get your laughs on. A fun night of comedy improv geared for adults and teens, performed by adults and teens. Concessions and cash bar available.

October 19 & 20
3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
THE SPIRIT OF ALL HALLOWS EVE
\$5 admission
Halloween lore weaves through mysterious adventures of ancient Egyptians to early American settlers. Live theatre show is suitable for ages 6 and older. Concessions and cash bar available.

December 6 & 7 » 8 p.m. both days
4TH THE DRUNKEN GNOME
\$5 admission
The Gnome Show, for mature audiences. The gnomes meet at the pub to talk about life off stage, often with a wink to pop culture. Bring your gnome cap for a special beer-cap tassel. Caps, crafts, concessions and cash bar available.

December 7 & 8 » 2 p.m. both days
43RD FESTIVAL OF THE GNOMES
\$5 admission
Holiday fun for all ages. Live shows tell of Gnome adventures and good will. Visit the "gnomemade" gift shop. Get your own gnome cap here.

Annual Light Up the Holidays Parade and Festival

The 22nd Annual Light Up the Holidays Festival and Parade will kick off the holiday season on Friday, November 29, 2019.

Activities begin as early as 10 a.m. in downtown Joliet, and include the Fantastic Fun Fair in the Joliet Area Historical Museum's auditorium, as well as activities in the Joliet Public Library, the Rialto Square Theatre, Jitters Coffeehouse, Chicken-n-Spice, Juliet's, It Is Amazing, Chévere Latin Café, Joliet Junior College, Audiophil's and more.

The Tree Lighting begins at 5:15 p.m. in Van Buren Plaza followed by the Light Up The Holidays Parade at 5:30 p.m. down Chicago Street. Parking is free in downtown Joliet all day. The festival and parade are proudly presented by the University of St. Francis.